



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADQUARTERS AND FIELD ELEMENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Department-wide Lead Reuse Policy

In accordance with the Secretary's July 13, 2000, suspension on the release of scrap metal from radiological areas into commerce, and in support of the Secretary's challenge to maximize the internal recycle and reuse of these metals, the following policy on lead reuse will be implemented immediately by all Headquarters Offices, Field Elements (Operations Offices, Area Site Offices), and other Department of Energy (DOE) sites.

The Department will ensure that the reuse of lead metal and lead products will take precedent over the purchase of new lead metal and lead products. This policy supports the safe and cost-effective reuse of lead, and the Department's goals of resource utilization, energy conservation, and pollution prevention. Under this policy, all Departmental elements are directed to give first consideration to the reuse of existing lead inventories prior to the procurement of any new lead metal or lead products, such as shielding containers or shield walls.

Cost effective implementation of this policy will support the development of both DOE and commercial lead reuse markets, and minimize the disposal of this valuable resource. Further, this policy will reduce the generation of a mixed waste by keeping the Department's lead out of a disposal path.

The DOE National Center of Excellence for Metals Recycle (NMR), located at the Oak Ridge Operations Office, will act as the Department's clearinghouse for DOE surplus lead and lead products. The DOE Materials Exchange web-site (<http://wastenot.er.doe.gov/doematex>) will be used to post both supply and demand information for materials and products comprised of lead. All Department elements that have either an inventory of lead, or a need for lead products, are directed to coordinate their lead reuse efforts with the NMR. The NMR contact is Richard Meehan (865) 576-2598 or meehanrw@oro.doe.gov. The point of contact for the use of the Material Exchange is Arnold Edelman (301) 903-5145 or arnold.edelman@science.doe.gov.

For further information on the Department's lead recycling initiative, please contact Kent Hancock, Pollution Prevention Team Lead, at (301) 903-2102.



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